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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. *"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* JOHN 8:32.

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THE SAINTS CELEBRATES 10TH U N A C—5

The United National Auxiliaries Convention of the Church of God in Christ was conducted July, 1-7, 1985, in Miami Beach, Florida. The theme of this UNAC was "Yesterday's Stones, Today's Foundation". The saints gathered from near and far to witness the 10th anniversary of UNAC. Bishop Jacob Cohen of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction greeted the saints warmly along with other greeters and Florida's bright sunshine.

Naturally, the convention opened with a pre-convention musical. Talent abounded and many new, creative and inspiring participants made the musical a solid expression of worship. Dr. Mattie Moss Clark and staff must be congratulated for another stellar effort in providing music and song the entire convention.

UNAC was blessed with the daily prayer from which all activities began. At 8:00 a.m. daily, the saints met for prayer and a spiritual downpour. Daily between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., the saints received instruction in ministry. Areas such as Christian Education Curriculum, Christian Education in Church Ministries, Evangelism and Mission, and lastly in the area of Biblical Studies-Foundation for Service. There was a special session for youth. It was conducted by Elder Charles Brown and Sister Janice Edmond. Elder Jerry Macklin, the newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of the International Sunday School Department, coordinated the seminar activity as UNAC's Dean of Instruction.

The preaching ministry was outstanding during this UNAC. The Elder James Lenox of Chicago preached from the 1st Psalm. His thought was "Walking, Standing and Sitting". It was a message on Christian attitudes and obligations to live the witness daily. That Tuesday night, Bishop F. E. Perry got things going on Civic night. Cleveland, Ohio's "thundering revelator" declared "When the Wind Blows". His text was taken from Acts 27:3. He challenged the church to stem the tide of emotionalism while providing substance worthy to rely upon during times of storm. Sister Marion Wilkerson delivered a sobering message for youth. In the YPWW session, Sister Wilkerson developed her thought from Romans 5:8. Her theme was "To God Be the Glory". Following her, State President of Youth, Elder Swartz of New Jersey No. 1, found his text in Psalm 11, verses 1-3. He asked the question, "If the Foundation Be Destroyed What Can the Righteous Do?" Then, he answered by preaching "Let the Righteous Stand Up and Be Counted". The Elder Cleophas Hall, Sr., taught



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BISHOP WINBUSH HONORED

Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush was honored by hundreds of UNAC conventioneers, church officials and well wishers for his ten years of service as Chairman of the United National Auxiliaries Convention. The setting was the splendid Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. It was an event where Bishop was presented flowers of appreciation from those who know of his devotion to the church.

The people in attendance attested to the nature of the man as every component of the UNAC family contributed a testimony about Bishop's ten years of organizing and promoting UNAC. Those component auxiliaries are namely, the Sunday School, Youth, Missions, Evangelist and Music departments. His ability as organizer and administrator have made UNAC an organizational success and a bright spot on the church's calendar.

There were many kind words of tribute given on that day, July 5, 1985. Our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and members of the church's presidium were on hand. Bishop Patterson reflected, "This occasion is very special, as we honor our most eloquent and worthy chairman, Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush. He is well deserving of this great honor and should be highly commended for his unselfishness and devotion over these past ten years. He has worked hard to make UNAC a great event of fellowship, worship and instruction". Bishop C. W. Williams, the elder statesman of the auxiliary leaders had fun remembrance of Bishop Winbush, Bishop Williams did much to spearhead the activity and was personally glad to be a part of the dedications. He commented, "Roy Winbush is my son. I introduced him to the national Sunday School Department. I'm very happy this banquet honoring him has turned out so well. I believe this to be one of the most successful efforts ever!" Maybe the greatest and most meaningful words of praise were spoken by Mrs. Mae C. Winbush, the bishop's lovely wife. Sister Winbush said, "My husband is a dreamer and an achiever. I've seen it on every occasion. Everything he sets out to do, he does it! He's one remarkable man." This reporter would like to add that Sister Winbush is a remarkable woman, likewise.

The praise went on and on. Simply, the bishop is worthy of

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BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON PRESENT AWARD TO BISHOP ROY WINBUSH.

ENTREPRENEURS TO HAVE A S U STRATEGY SESSION

Many of our church's more experienced, well-to-do professionals and entrepreneurs have continued to make inquiry about business people supporting ASU. The church has many people involved in high finance, contracting and other areas who are ready to have direct input in developing the All Saints University. These men and women of substantial means love the church and share in the dream of Bishop J. O. Patterson. Many feel they have been an untapped resource. Many say they are waiting to make a contribution. To answer these feelings, a few entrepreneurs have begun to organize.

In cultivating further interest and doing something tangible, a strategy session is being planned for the latter part of September. There the many professionals, business types and people dealing in the business world can dialogue together, hopefully providing a new and beneficial ASU effort. An open invitation is being extended to all interested entrepreneurs. Because this appeal is to a select group of professionals with tight schedules and other demands, we suggest you call the Saints Center office at 901-525-2507 or write Saints Center, P. O. Box 320, Memphis, Tenn. 38101 for more information.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

ELDER RODERICK C. LIGHTNER COGIC — AN HERITAGE AND HISTORY

Heritage is that which comes or belongs to one by reason of birth or that which has been or may be inherited by legal descent or succession. God had given our founder, Bishop C. H. Mason the vision and conception of a church that would keep the standards of true holiness and sanctification through his word alive and living in the hearts and minds of his people.

Because of Bishop Mason's determination to teach and preach the word of God without compromise and through his consistent prayer life, devotion to God and love for mankind, God set Bishop Mason apart from many of his contemporaries. When God called Bishop Mason home from labour to reward, his godly spirit was still felt from thousands of saints around the world, left here to carry on the God-given revelation for our church he received in Little Rock, Arkansas.

God had told Bishop Mason that "there would not be room enough to hold the people." Today, the prophecy has come to pass. We have the largest pentecostal denomination in the world with an estimated membership of three million people.

Since the birth of the Church of God in Christ we have been blessed to have great men and women of God who pioneered the path through the rugged rough roads of economic hardships, disappointments, racial prejudices and many other difficulties but through their faithfulness and long-suffering, God used our pioneers for the making of what this "grand ole church" is today.

We have read many different histories such as American History, Cultural History, Military History, Black History and others but there is a precious history not found in the aforementioned categories, the history of the Church of God in Christ. Many of us have been blessed to have our Official Manual in our homes, church libraries and offices. In our Official Manual we will find in the first few pages a most interesting and fascinating history of the birth of our great church.

From the gin house and brush harbors, to the beautiful plush sanctuaries, "we have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord and trusting in his holy word, knowing that he has never failed us yet." In spite of the accusations fired at our "grand ole church" because of our holy stand in righteousness, we were labeled "the Holiness Church" and the "Holy Rollers," as was said years ago. Even through all of the accusations, criticism and negative comments made about our church, God is tremendously blessing the Church of God in Christ in the outpouring of his spirit upon us because of the church's faithfulness to him and continued labour in his vineyard for the cause of kingdom building.

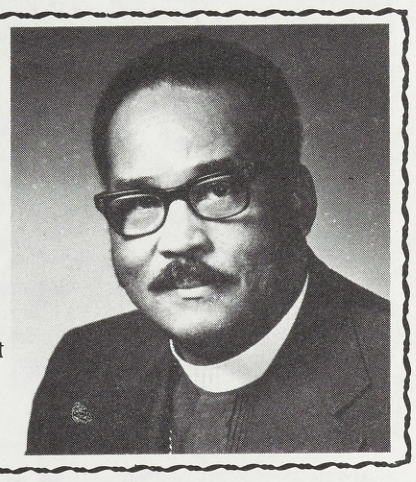
Never have our challenges been greater, our opportunities for service more available and our labour of love more rewarding to do the Lord's will. As we work together in the master's service and encourage one another to strive for excellence in holiness, we will have better homes, better churches, better schools and better communities to live and work in.

We can truly thank the Lord for giving us a precious gem for our leader, Bishop J. O. Patterson who has laboured faithfully and untirely throughout the years for the advancement, spiritual and social welfare of our great church. The pioneers who paved the path for our present generation have left a legacy for us to follow in our commitment, faith, dedication and strong belief in our Biblical doctrine.

May we continue to cherish our heritage, treasure our history and teach our children the godly principles of our Church of God in Christ faith, for truly the song is right when the words sung by the saints ring out!! "this is the Church of God in Christ, you can't join it, you have to be born in it."

NOTICE

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD CEREMONY WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR. WE SHALL RESUME THE CEREMONY IN NOVEMBER, 1986.



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

DEAR DELEGATE:

THE GENERAL BOARD, BECAUSE OF ITS CONCERN FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF OUR CHURCH WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE HOLY CONVOCATION IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, NOVEMBER 5-15, 1985, HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES TO FURNISH TRANSPORTATION FOR US AT A DISCOUNTED FARE. TO ACCOMMODATE MORE DELEGATES, AMERICAN HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH FRONTIER AND PIEDMONT AIRLINES IF PASSENGER IS USING ONE OF THEIR FLIGHTS CONNECTING TO AN AMERICAN AIRPORT OR A DESTINATION THAT AMERICAN DOES NOT SERVE. THE PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

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NATIONAL NEWS

ANNOUNCING

I HAVE...ENDOWNMENT

During the past UNAC, a drive to establish and maintain an endowment for All Saints University began. Saints who signed up to endow the university received a button which read "I have...".

The steering committee for the ASU endowment announced this creative method to help underwrite the university after it opens. As we learned in the April Call Meeting, a school's credibility to a large extent is based upon it's endowment.

For those who are not aware, an endowment is a gift, grant or bequest paid upon the death of a person. In this cause, ASU will receive a gift from each saint signed up. The gifts range from $10,000.00 to $25,000.00. This is a guaranteed acceptance program. If you are from 15 years to 75 years, the university needs your bequest.

Most major universities are properly endowed because friends of the universities endow them through a like program. There is an added option to consider also. A saint can endow 50% to family members and 50% ASU. Or 100% to ASU can be bequested. The premiums are very reasonable and you would look smart in the button. For an easy payment plan and worthwhile gift, enroll now!

For information write:
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The Historical, Cultural Museum and Fine Arts Center offers fascinating historical information about the founder of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop C. H. Mason. Visit the museum upon your next visit to Memphis and learn why our church is on the growing edge of the Pentecostal movement.

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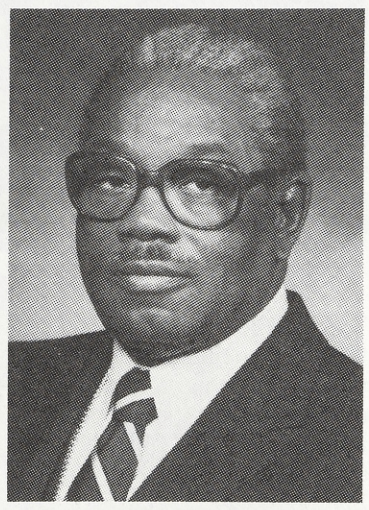
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ANNOUNCING

Bishop E. Harris Moore, jurisdictional bishop of Western Missouri has been appointed the Assistant General Secretary of Church of God in Christ, in charge of registration. He has an office in the wing occupied by the General Secretary, Bishop G. R. Ross.

Bishop Moore serves as pastor of the Barker Temple Church of God in Christ, located in Kansas City, Missouri. He also has other national responsibilities, as he serves the Church as Chairman of the Church of God in Christ Hospital Fund.



BISHOP E. H. MOORE

AMERICAN OFFICIAL AIRLINE FOR CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The Whole Truth is pleased to announce the General Board of Bishops has selected American Airlines to be the official carrier for the Church of God in Christ. See Bishop J. O. Patterson's column for the complete information. Take advantage of the significant discounts and travel schedules. Remember it is official.

REMEMBERING OUR FIRST LADY

She was a role model for minister's wives. Mother Deborah Mason Patterson possessed the rare qualities which linked us to the past yet clearly defined our future.

While personal relationships with role models is preferable, it is not always possible. The qualities of Mother Patterson however permeated an entire room, whether it be the Mason Temple or the largest Convention Center anywhere. Her voice carried with it a strong sense of identity, a love that resounded in every corner.

I remember about fifteen years ago in Memphis, she exhorted the minister's wives to build up the body of Christ. "Have loving comments for your members. Make people feel good," she said, "Everybody likes to feel like they are important," she continued. I carried this home with me and being a young pastor's wife, I found the response most gratifying. Her comments were always filled with wisdom and understanding.

An individual functions most successfully when they utilize what they do best. Mother Patterson was a "people person." It was obvious that she loved people. Her strong public image was generated by the love she had for the Church. She translated positive attitudes and was an anchor for Church of God in Christ women.

Role models help us to do. Our role is our function, not who we are but what we do. The models in our life help us to achieve the best use of our talents. Mother Patterson was found doing until the very end of her life. She indeed "worked until the day was done."

A Great woman has passed on for her reward. It is incumbent upon us a minister's wives to emulate those qualities she left us. The impact Mother Patterson made on our lives must be carried to future generations.

There were giants in the earth in those days...(Genesis 6:4). Ecclesiastical structures everywhere have lost a giant of a First Lady. Her memory however will live on forever.

Barbara McCoo Lewis

A BOOK REVIEW "THE HOUR GLASS REPORT" Published by W. L. Porter

If you are a member of the Church of God in Christ, Missionary, Minister, Elder or Bishop and have not availed yourself with the opportunity to obtain the little booklet called the "Hour Glass," you are missing many vital bits of historical information concerning the history and many functions of our church.

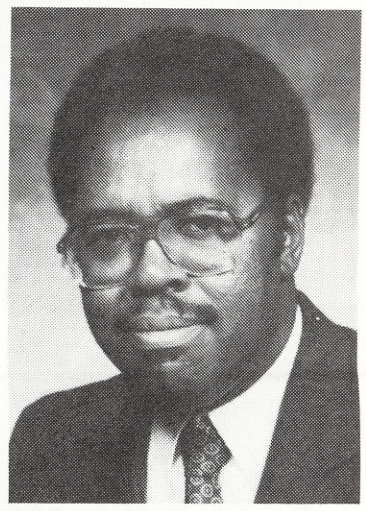
It would be to your advantage to know how the late Bishop C. H. Mason, our beloved founder, built our present Mason Temple. This booklet goes into detail on how building was the challenge of our Chief Apostle, and how he was able in those difficult days of the Second World's War, to obtain material and meet the requirements to build such a structure. For those who did not know the late Bishop R. F. Williams, this booklet will acquaint you with the one man whom Bishop Mason trusted to carry out the many mandates on fulfillment of this building project. The affairs given him by the Senior Bishop, were meticulously performed and carried out by Bishop Williams hands and brilliant mind.

It is a great joy to read on page twelve (12), some of the invisionary "Forecasts of The Future" by Bishop Riley Williams, concerning the hope that a "Bible School and a National Publishing House be built on those grounds near the Mason Temple." It's even a greater joy to know that under the administration of Bishop J. O. Patterson, that a Publishing House has been built and a school is forthcoming.

There is a letter written by Bishop Mason to all Elders and Bishops, (a copy of his own hand writing) on page fifteen (15), encouraging the brotherhood to cooperate with the planned building project he left with Bishop Williams, and a subsequent letter on pages twenty-four and twenty-five (24, 25) in the hand writing of Mother Lizzie Robinson, the late General Supervisor of Women of the Church of God in Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Whole Truth Newspaper is pleased to announce the appointment of Elder Jerry W. Macklin to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the International Sunday School Department. He has likewise been assigned duties of UNAC's Dean of Instruction. Elder Macklin serves the California Northwest Jurisdiction as Chairman of USAC. The saints everywhere applaud his advancement and pray for his continued ministry in behalf of Christ's church. Lastly, congratulations are in order to Elder Macklin and his lovely wife, Vanessa, on the recent birth of their baby daughter.



ELDER JERRY MACKLIN



DR. JAMES T. WATSON

The Whole Truth Newspaper is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James T. Watson of Chicago, Illinois to the position of First Vice-President of the Youth Department. Dr. Watson has long been a State Willing Worker president from Illinois' First Jurisdiction. He has served the Youth Department loyally for years. The saints everywhere applaud his advancement and pray for his continued ministry in behalf of Christ's church.

OBITUARY

Henry Harvey Carpenter was born December 13, 1928, in Rock Island, Illinois, the fourth child to Eva Bell and Obadiah Carpenter.

He flourished under the ministry of Derrick Temple COGIC, served as a minister, Sunday school teacher and church treasurer.

He was led by God to leave Illinois and come to the state of Minnesota in 1954. He, his wife and family became members of St. Paul COGIC under the leadership of Pastor J. C. Wiggins. He was a faithful follower before God called him to be a pastor. He and his wife Christina knelt down and prayed on the steps of a building called, at that time, First Church of Nazarene. When

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JURISDICTIONAL NEWS

TRI—JURISDICTIONAL CELEBRATION

Seeing the bright lights, cameras, photographers, and a serene sanctuary already filled to capacity 10 minutes before starting time, one could not help but wonder what thrilling event was about to take place. What did happen was the electrifying presence of the Holy Ghost complete with the gifts being manifested.

In the surroundings of the first C.O.G.I.C. church in the Richmond-Petersburg area of Virginia, the first Tri-Jurisdictional Pentecostal Celebration was launched. Eleven C.O.G.I.C. pastors of the Richmond-Petersburg area united to sponsor this jubilant event. Approximately 700 saints and friends gathered in this edifice founded by the late Bishop David C. Love and presently pastored by his grandson, Dr. David Wright.

The vision of this monumental event was given by God to Missionary Sheary Johnson during a segment of celestial praise in her local church. Upon sharing this vision with the pastors in the area, eleven men of God rallied with their resources and talents to make this vision a reality. In planning for all phases of the day, one thing became apparent, God had already blessed us to have all of the expertise needed in our local churches. In addition to a vibrant choir, testimonies of deliverance from a broken neck, car crash, and paralysis were inspiring. Our souls were fed from the Word delivered by National Evangelist James L. Moore of Richmond.

The spiritual feast was highlighted by the fellowship of the saints from three jurisdictions coming together for the first time in many years. Acquaintances were renewed and memories of past events were savored and the power of God was acknowledged by all present. As we departed, our hearts were looking forward to the blessings that would come of being together again next year.

Sponsoring pastors: Elder Jack Johnson, Dr. David Wright, Elder Willie Weatherspoon, Elder Russell Johnson, Elder James Hawkins, Elder Arthur Holmes, Dr. V. Taylor, Elder Dan White, Elder Herman Crockett, Elder James Moore, and Elder A. Nicholson.

The jurisdictional Bishops are Bishop Ted Thomas, Bishop Samuel Green, and Bishop L. E. Willis. We praise God for their support.

PROFILE OF A CHURCH WOMAN

It's more important to know where you are going, than to see how fast you can get there.

Evang. Eleanor Johnson was saved in 1943, under the late Elder J. H. Smith. She worked faithfully in her local church for 27 years; was President of the Missionary circle, Co-President of the Youth Department, Sunday School teacher and pastor's aid.



EVANG. E. JOHNSON

Evang. Johnson served in North Shore District as President of the Evang. Board. She also served in many other auxiliaries, under the leadership of District Missionary Rosa Williams. She was appointed State Sunday School Fieldworker of Eastern New York.

Evang. Eleanor Johnson was licensed National Evangelist under the late Mother Maydie Payton. She has worked throughout New York state and the Eastern Coast. She did a great work in Barbados, W.I., where she worked out a mission.

In 1971, she was appointed District Missionary of the Progressive District Women's Department under the State Supervisor Mother Creola L. Wallace, serving with joy and great vision for the future upbuilding of God's work.

She successfully organized 15 active units of the Women's department along with 9 pastors and district superintendent, Dr. D. H. Green. She has been the recipient of many awards for outstanding achievements. For 8 years, Evang. Johnson was a member of Humbleway C.O.G.I.C. where Rev. J. Williams is pastor.

She was commissioned by the late State Bishop O. M. Kelly to

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



DR. LILLIAN A. MORRIS

WOMEN'S DAY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

"Progressive Unity for the Household of Faith" was the theme of the 71st Annual Convocation Women's Day Session for the Southern California First Jurisdiction. Dr. Lillian A. Morris was presiding.

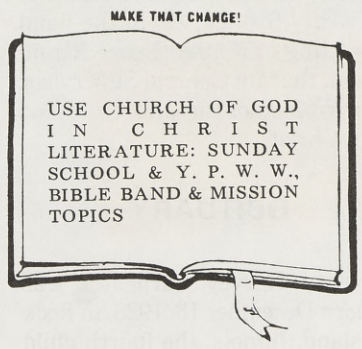
Dr. Morris addressed the gathering of women on Thursday afternoon, June 13. Her message was preceded by a solo from her lovely daughter Evang. Willa Freeman. She spoke under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Oh how the women were blessed as our leader spoke to the concerns of today's women.

Moderators for the Women's sessions were Mrs. Betty Ealy, Evang. Katie Robertson and Dr. Dorothy Exume. Stirring inspirational messages were given by Evang. Marva Hightower and Evang. Margie Houston.

The Seminar session addressed the theme which included several sub-topics. Speakers were Evang. Marvella Simmons, Mrs. Annie Mae Harding, Mrs. Ruth Knight and Mrs. Mazie Thomas. Evang. Jamesella K. Dennis closed the seminar session with the theme summary.

Mother's special guest was Mother E. M. Devers, supervisor of Northern California First Jurisdiction. She took the women back in restropect to the early church. She relayed her experiences which inspired and encouraged the women to hold fast to the traditions of our great church.

Women's day was indeed a highlight of a great convocation in Los Angeles, California.



LOCAL NEWS

PILGRIM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST SALUTES FIRST LADY

On May 5, 1985, at 4:00 P.M., The Pilgrim Church of God in Christ, along with her many friends and well wishers will pay tribute to Missionary Elroy Robinson for 30 years of devoted service to God and man, in her home, church and community.

This is to be an inspirational service showing Missionary Robinson that, we here at The Pilgrim C.O.G.I.C., love and appreciate the inspiring works that the Lord has allowed her hands to do. Even though we are honoring Missionary Robinson, this service is designed to meet every need in all of our lives. That same Jesus that has led and guided her these past 30 years will do the same for you and me. Her daily life is disciplined by the Word of God.

We love her for her sweet and kind disposition, her willingness to give, help and encourage, but most of all that, she's our friend. We are grateful to her for this friendship because we know that a friend "Always Remembers".

When Missionary Robinson learned that the Lord had called and anointed her husband (Dr. Nathaniel Robinson) to become a Pastor, she told him, "I will stand by your side and help". This she has done throughout these 30 years. She took a job at night to help pay the rent. It was that keen business mind that enabled her to get a down payment on their first church building by borrowing money on their Insurance Policy. Not in words spoken but in services and deeds rendered. That's her spirit. She often accompany her husband to homes, hospitals or wherever he is called to pray for those in need.

If she is not with him in person, her prayers will always go with him. Through her prayers, many have been healed, evil spirits casted out and many bad habits overcomed.

She serves her church as President of both Junior and Senior choirs, Program Committee, Public Relations Chairman, Missionary and is available to the members for counseling, encouraging or whatever their problems are. She loves to talk about God; He's her favorite subject. She says, "God is a great big God and He has everything you need". Instead of the reducing plan, try God's "Fasting Plan", it works inside and outside; instead of looking for a prosperity plan, try "God's

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PROFILE OF ELDER A. Z. HALL



ELDER AND MRS A. Z. HALL, SR.

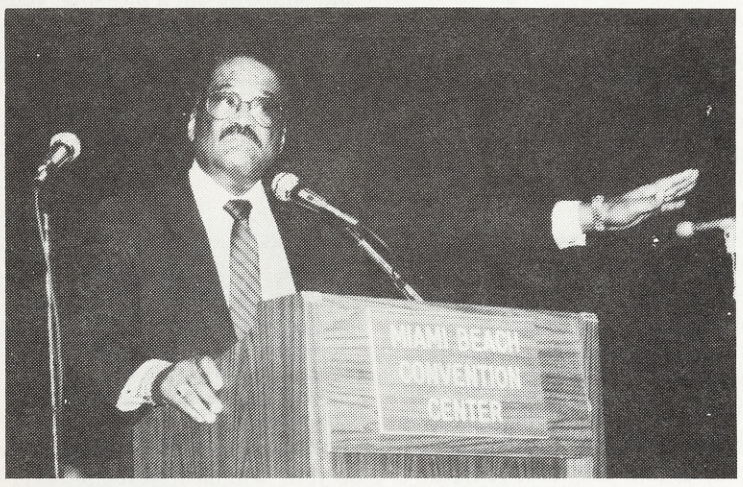
The Whole Truth Newspaper from time to time profiles a saint who is making a significant contribution in the growth and ministry of the Church. One such individual is Elder Alferd Z. Hall. Elder A. Z. Hall is Bishop J. O. Patterson's Administrative Aid in the national headquarters office. He also serves the Church as the National Coordinator of the Saints Center Project.

When asked about doing a profile, he accepted upon one condition and that was, he allowed the interview only if special people could be mentioned. These people were the ones who inspired him most in life and helped him develop his life's ministry. We struck a deal!

Elder Hall is from Jacksonville, Florida and felt good that God blessed him to be born to Zannie and Viola Hall. Elder A. Z. Hall give most praise and credit to his parents, the Elder Zannie Hall, Sr. and his lovely mother for being what he needed while growing into adulthood. Elder Zannie Hall, Sr. is the pastor of the Miracle Temple Church of God in Christ, located in Gretna, Florida. The Halls live in Jacksonville and drive nearly 200 miles to serve the congregation in Gretna. Elder Hall, Sr. has been pastor for four years and was appointed at age 71. He went there after the Church expe-

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BISHOP PREACHES



The Presiding Bishop, J. O. Patterson, made his annual visit to UNAC. His arrival was anticipated by the massive gathering, and for many it was the first time seeing him since the death of Mother Patterson. The spirit of prayer filled the room as our leader stood behind the pulpit. It seemed something wonderful was in the air.

Bishop preached an interesting and powerful message entitled, "Sinning Sinners, Sinning Saints". He opened the message with a humorous story about a gentleman who was convinced that God put one of his eyes out because he refused to preach. Under such a threat, he conducted his preaching ministry. He told one congregation his story and then proceeded to preach a message. After he preached, he curiously asked some of the saints if he had discharged his responsibility to preach? One old mother stood and said, "Sir, I'm afraid you are about to lose your other eye!"

The Bishop preached about Hosea's experience and he likened Hosea's troubles to today's circumstances. God loves us inspite of our sinning ways. Hosea's experience with Gomer was vivid through the splendid parallels and quality illustrations of the Bishop. The love which God had for Israel is the same we experience today. Not even our backsliding, sinning or attitudes keep God from loving us. Christ is as married to the Church as God was to Israel. The question was, what made Hosea love that woman so much? When love is present, an eternal bond is developed. This bond is not broken and that love is always seeking the union of separated loves. Hosea went looking for a woman who proved unfaithful and ended upon the slave block. Hosea was married to her and he loved her.

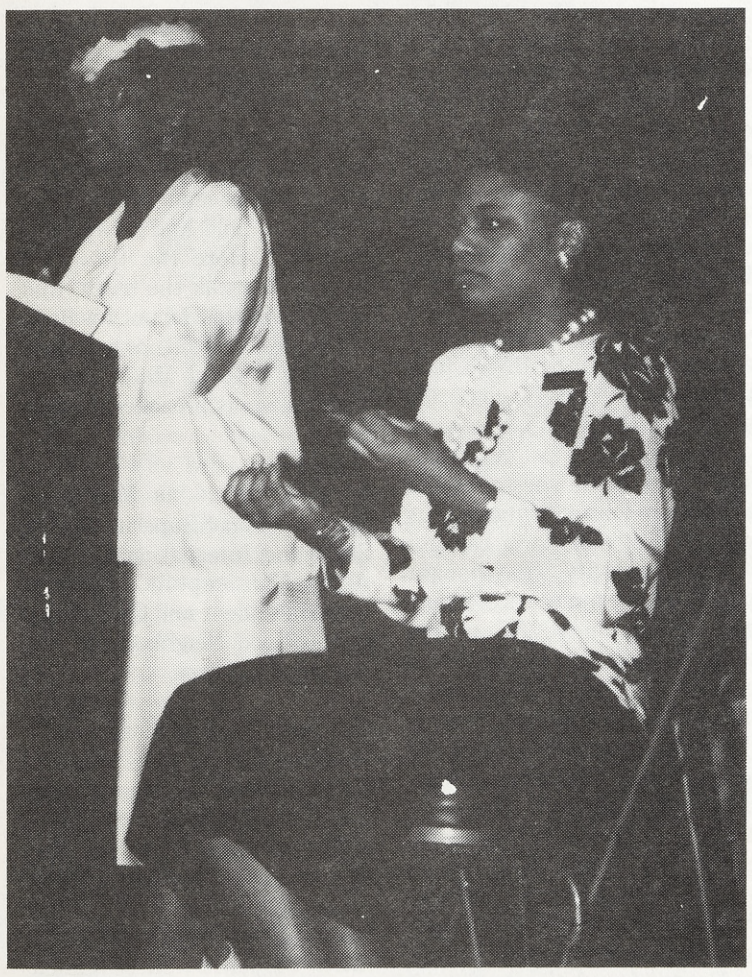
Bishop demonstrated God's love and desire to embrace all people with his glory. Bishop then announced that he would perform a great marriage at the altar. He asked for witnesses and made the invitation for anybody wanting to come back to God. The subject, "Sinning Sinners, Sinning Saints", took on a greater dimension as the altar filled with people praising God and seeking a renewal. The Holy Ghost came down and filled the auditorium. Truly it was splendid.

HEALTH FAIR

The UNAC-5 was blessed with a Health Fair. Jackson Memorial Hospital donated a Mobile Medical Unit to conduct health checks on the saints. Among the medical services offered were testing of blood pressure, heart monitoring and other related areas. The effort was conducted to raise the awareness of the saints to the necessity of preventive medicine.

The persons who participated were Mr. Richard Green, Elizabeth King, Mady Gunn, and Dawn Opfra. Bishop Jacob Cohen was the Host Bishop and Mother Gussie Gamble, State Supervisor.

MINISTRY TO DEAF



SISTER MURPHY PROVIDES SIGN LANGUAGE AT EVERY SERVICE.

Without a doubt, most saints have noticed the quite lovely and business minded young woman sitting adjacent to the pulpit at our national meetings. She is busy translating the songs, announcements and preached word to the deaf or hearing impaired.

During the UNAC in Miami Beach, I noticed a small deaf child sitting to the right of the platform. She sat and watched the signs very intently. There was, literally, one person out of the thousands who needed the dactylological communication (sign language system). Sister Kandace Murphy did not mind because that one child was worth her every effort.

Just for the readers information, the Whole Truth interviewed this most interesting saint, and the following should give all a deeper appreciation for her minstry.

Kandi, as she is known, is from Houston, Texas and attends Williams Temple Church of God in Christ where Bishop R. E. Woodard is pastor. She became interested in doing sign language because of her friendship with a hearing impaired youth. She and the young lady would write notes to communicate. Naturally, this method proved to be slow and difficult. Kandi began to learn the sign language from the deaf youth. As time went by, her skill level increased, and while in high school she enrolled in class to prepare herself for greater communication skills. It became apparent to the teacher that Kandi should be instructing and tutoring the deaf. Today, she is active in Houston with the Greater Houston Interpreters for the Deaf. She also attends Houston Community College.

The Whole Truth asked Kandi why be so devoted when only a few people need her services. Kandi reflected, "I'm helping to shape a ministry for the deaf in our church. Handicap people are beautiful people with souls. Why should they be denied salvation or anything because of an uncaring, out of touch majority? There is a ministry here. Anyway, people have helped me in life and now I'm blessed to return something." When asked about her effect on the national church she commented, "I'm making a statement and raising questions. These large crowds return home and see the handicap in their midst and question whether or not they could do something likewise?"

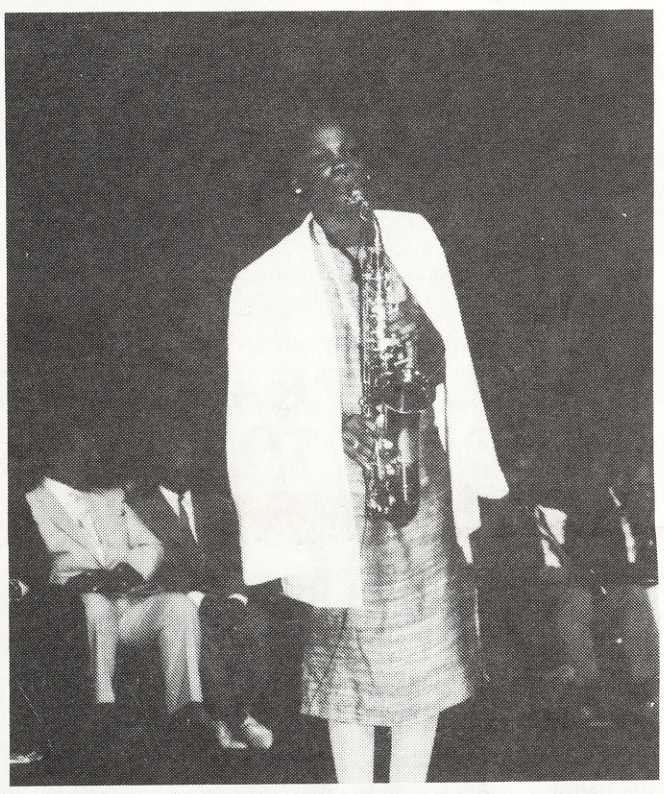
The next time you see this very dedicated saint, remember this article. It will help and encourage us all to realize God is working in the silent world of the deaf, and this young woman is an instrument of that ministry.

UNAC NEWS

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TALENTED SINGERS



MUSICAL PERFORMERS



AWARD WINNERS

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST STUDENT EXCELLS

Erica Yvonne Holmes, 13 years of age, resided at 3301 Avenue I, Fort Pierce, Florida. Her parents are Roy B. Holmes and Roberta E. Holmes. Maternal grandparents are David and Ferma L. Robinson. Paternal grandparents are Lillian Holmes and the late Emmett Holmes. She was born September 22, 1971, in Fort Pierce, Florida. She is a member of Johnson Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. James N. Hall, pastor. She attends Lincoln Park Middle School.

Since Erica has been attending public schools she has maintained a 3.0 grade average (B honor Roll). She has been nominated as Student of the Month from grades 1-8 (present grade).

This year Erica won the United States Achievement Academy Award in the area of History and Government, which honors less than 10% of all American high school students. She will be featured in the 1984 USAA National Awards Yearbook when they are published.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a students's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

She's currently a member of the school band and student council representative for her class.

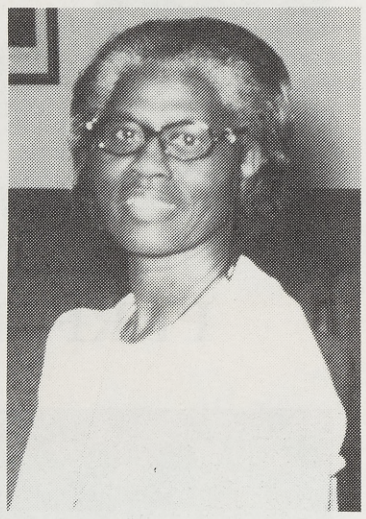
Erica enjoys reading.

Erica's mother is a member of Johnson Temple Church of God in Christ, also her grand-mother, Mrs. Ferma Lee Robinson, and grand-father, Mr. David Robinson. BISHOP JACOB COHEN is her Jurisdictional prelate, her state mother is DR. GUSSIE GAMBLE.

SUBJECT: PRAYER IS THE KEY TO OUR PROBLEMS NOW!

This is an outline of a forty (40) day fasting and praying service the Lord gave me for us to do here in our state, for our leaders and churches everywhere.

SUBJECT: PRAYER IS THE KEY TO OUR PROBLEMS, NOW!
1ST TIMOTHY 2:1-10



MARY E. DUNN

Here are our directions, from the Holy (Ghost) Spirit: Pray much for others; plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all He is going to do for us. Pray in this way for kings and all others who are in authority over us, or in places of high responsibility, so that we can live in peace and quietness, spending our time in Godly living and thinking much about the Lord.

This is good and pleases God our Savior, for He longs for all to be saved and to understand this truth. (TLB)

The Bible alone truly answers the greatest questions that man of all ages has asked: "Where did I come from?" "Where am I going?" "Why am I here?" "How can I know the truth?" For the Bible alone reveals the truth about God, explains the origin of man, points out the only way to salvation and eternal life, and explains the age-old problem of sin and suffering.

"And it came to pass, that as Jesus was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. He said unto them; when ye pray, say, our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:13b-15.

ASK and it shall be given you, SEEK, and ye shall find, KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: Be not ye therefore like them.

"When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy father which is in secret; and thy father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Matthew 7:7-8; 6:7-8, 16-18.

Now, this is the acceptable fast of the Lord; stop oppressing those who work for you and treat them fairly and give them what they earn. I want you to share your food with the hungry and bring them right into your home, those who are helpless, poor and destitute. Clothe those who are cold and don't hide from relatives who need your help. If you do these things, God, will shed his own glorious light upon you. He will heal you; your Godliness will lead you forward, and goodness will be a shield before you, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.

Then, when you call, the Lord will answer. "Yes, I am here," He will quickly reply. All you need to do is to stop oppressing the weak, and to stop making false accusations and spreading vicious rumors! For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 58:6-14. (LB)

God said in Lev. 20:7, "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: I am the Lord your God."

"Jesus said, and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." He is our example. John 17:17-21.

1) We want to fast and pray to God for complete deliverance, that we might do the work of an evangelist. Acts 4:24-31.

2) We want to pray for the oneness in the spirit of God. Eph. 2:18.

3) We want to pray to God for, God fearing, Holy Ghost filled leaders, in our churches here and everywhere. Numbers 27:15-23.

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3.

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7.

And we know who our enemies are. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1st Peter 5:8.

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:11-12.

Christians are to be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility. For God to hear and answer our prayers, we must be Holy: as I said before, and keep His commandments; "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7.

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THE SAINTS CELEBRATE 10TH UNAC-5

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his Evangelism and Educational Seminar daily, and he was his usual prophetic self. The Evangelist Richard "Mr. Clean" White preached the saints to their feet by exhorting "God's Faithful Few" to follow leadership. His scriptural text was Judges 7:7. He ended the message with his patented delivery and the blasting sound of trumpets, illustrating Gideon's raid of the Midianites. The following day, Elder J. W. Denny delivered a message to the family. Satan's systematic breakdown of the family through law, social disorder and sin must be combatted with Christian effort. Bishop C. H. Brewer stirred the UNAC with his message, "When Jesus Comes Again". His text was from I Thessalonians 4:16-18. The new leader of the Youth Department had words from which the commitment to be ready at Christ's second coming did result.

Elder Albert Pass of Holly Springs, Mississippi preached from Mark 1:40. His subject, "The Leper Who was Cleansed", left no doubt that God's transforming power through Jesus is enough. Elder Robert Smith preached a dynamic message that secured tiny White Cloud, Michigan a place on the map. His thought was "Let's Go Back to Bethel". His text was found in Genesis 35:1-9. Elder Bell of Seattle, Washington preached from Luke 18:35. His message about the blind man healed because of his faith was very encouraging. His testimony about God's grace in his personal life was thrilling.

Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, the chairman of UNAC, preached a great message. His old-fashion holiness message put a crown upon a week of inspiring worship. He, personally, thanked the entire UNAC family for their support. He cited that ten years ago in Detroit, Michigan UNAC was born. A committee struggled to develop a name, and Bishop G. R. Ross came up with United National Auxiliaries Convention. He cited the many contributions of the UNAC family and made special recognition of the late Dr. Allen J. Hines.

The text of his message was taken from John 4:4, where Jesus went through Samaria because it was necessary. His thought paralleled the ten years of struggle, developing UNAC to the text. The many struggles to create a successful UNAC were necessary. He reflected, "everything that happened along the ten years was necessary". From the theme, "Yesterday's Stones, Today's Foundation", he associated the stones with God's ability to deliver his people. Along the way of formation, God took the stones of contribution and built a foundation for future saints.

UNAC has become a great spirit-filled event and-no matter the challenges-it was necessary.

PILGRIM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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Tithing Plan". God truly will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, you hardly have room enough to receive. Don't consult the stars for your directions, let Jesus lead you with His leadership, you just can't get lost.

Missionary Robinson had to trust God for her healing some years ago. Bring stricken with the blinding devil called glucoma. She had begun to practice walking in the house holding onto the furniture, imagining how it would be. She told Jesus one day, "I can't serve you and do your will as well if I'm blind as I could if I could see; and Lord! I want to see!" God healed those eyes of that glucoma and she thanks and praises Him every day of her life. She says, "I mean Jesus every step of the way."

From the beginning of The Pilgrim Church of God in Christ, she has opened her home as a refuge to the saved as well as the unsaved, whether for food, a place to live or just come for Spiritual Uplifting. She believes in sharing with others what God has given to her.

SHE'S DONE THE WORK, NOW LET'S PRAISE!

PROFILE OF A CHURCH WOMAN

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help Dr. Raymond Cook, where she is now a member of the Powerhouse C.O.G.I.C.

Submitted by
Doris J. Cook
Daughter of Evang. E. Johnson

Elder H. H. Carpenter

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God gave his answer he became founder and pastor of Holy Ghost Temple.

Pastor Carpenter had four faces, that of an Eagle, preaching with great heights and depths, that of a Lion, bold and courageous to come before the throne of grace and speak the truth, that of an Ox in that he put his hand to the plow and did not look back and the Face of Man, for God must have his preacher, Ezekiel 1:10.

He also served as Minnesota Sunday School Superintendent, State and International Expediter, Minneapolis District Superintendent and Co-Founder of the Good Neighborhood Fellowship Churches.

He will be greatly missed by all. He leaves to mourn, his beautiful companion of 38 years, Sister Christina Barbara Carpenter, eight sons, Henry Harvey, Daniel Lee, Lloyd Obey, Larry Leon, James Jonathon, Bruce Wayne, Brian Walter and Joseph Allen Carpenter, three daughters, Diana Lyn, Shirley Ann and Anjela Rene Carpenter, two brothers, Obey and Theodore Carpenter and three sisters, Cynthia Washington, Frances Thompson and Theresa Carpenter, one brother-in-law, James Thompson, 17 grandchildren, one great grandson and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

PROGRESSIVE UNITY FOR THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

by Sis. Dennis



In a society where self predominates, men cannot be more than a disintegrated collection of individuals warring one with the other. But it is encouraging to know that when self dies and Christ springs to life within our hearts, then comes the peace, the oneness which is the great hallmark of the true Church.

Even before delving into the three aspects of our theme, we observe the refreshing quality of the theme itself. Looking at the word progressive - continuing by successive steps - suggest life and movement, thus we're motivated to keep reaching. In a word, we have not arrived, but WE ARE ON OUR WAY!

In the letter to the Ephesians, the central thought is that Jesus had brought to a disunited world a way of unity. This way is through faith in Him and it is the Church's task to proclaim this message to the world.

Eph. 4:15 admonishes us not to be children, tossed to and from and carried about with every wind and doctrine by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles, but rather to grow up in Christ, who is the head of the Church. Why is it so important that we grow up in Christ and have this unity? It is important because the household of faith has been designed by God to proclaim what Jesus has done. REMEMBER Christ is the head, the Church is the body. No brain can work through a body which is split into fragments. Unless there is a co-ordinated oneness in the body, the designs of the head are frustrated. The oneness of the Church is essential for the work of Christ.

Since that is true, it's essential to employ steps, attitudes and practices which will enable us in our quest for unity. Our focus today has been:

I. Adequate nuturing for babes in Christ.

II. A Practicum of love in the family, Church and community.

III. A Positive response to Godly leaders.

I. Adequate Nurturing: We seem to really underscore the predicament of the Christian who needs milk and can't handle meat, especially if he has been around for some time. But this topic is addressing those who have the responsibility for the development of the babes. We should put the responsibility squarely where it lies not withstanding that there will be those who will refuse to grow up inspite of every effort put forth to help them.

In Heb. 12:11-14 two things standout - "difficulty" and "need." In verse 11 the writer had much to say which was hard to explain but this did not dissuade him. The writer said those of whom he wrote we dull of hearing - slow moving in mind, witlessly and forgetful. Like the writer of Eph., those who preach and teach should not shrink from their duty. They should not dodge teaching something because it is difficult or have reservation about it not being well received. Neither should they defend themselves by saying the hearers would never grasp it. Often in ministering the word, one is confronted on one hand with lazy minds, those who refuse to expend a little energy to think, and on the other hand the prejudice of those with shut minds. But the task remains. The writer of Hebrews did not shrink from bringing his message. He regarded it as his supreme responsibility to pass on the truth as he knew it, and so should we.

II. A Practicum of Love in the Family, Church and Community: Love's launching pad should be in the home; and from the home it should go into all the world via the Church and community. Love must do something; it must work. It works because of what Christ has done. "He is our peace." (Eph. 2:14). That peace has been won at the price of His blood. The sight of the Cross awakens in our hearts a love for Christ and when we love Christ, we will love each other! The unity which we have in Christ produces Christians whose Christianity transcends all their local and racial differences; it produces people who are friends with each other because they are friends with God.; it produces people who are one because they meet in the presence of God to whom they all have access.

III. A Positive Response to Godly Leaders: "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching" (I Tim. 5:17). A careful look at this passage brings to our attention that some elders rule well, while others do not. Also the responsibility of making a judgment is implied. For unless one is able to determine who rules well, he cannot know who deserves the double honor. But thank God for His Word as the standard for conduct, the ability to observe, and for spiritual discernment, so we can know those who labor to build up the church by teaching and training new converts and confirming the saints in the faith.

Let us make note of the virtues found in Eph. 4:1-3 and be challenged in our hearts to demonstrate them in our daily living so that each of us will be an invaluable part of the process of bringing unity to the community of faith for that ultimate goal-the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

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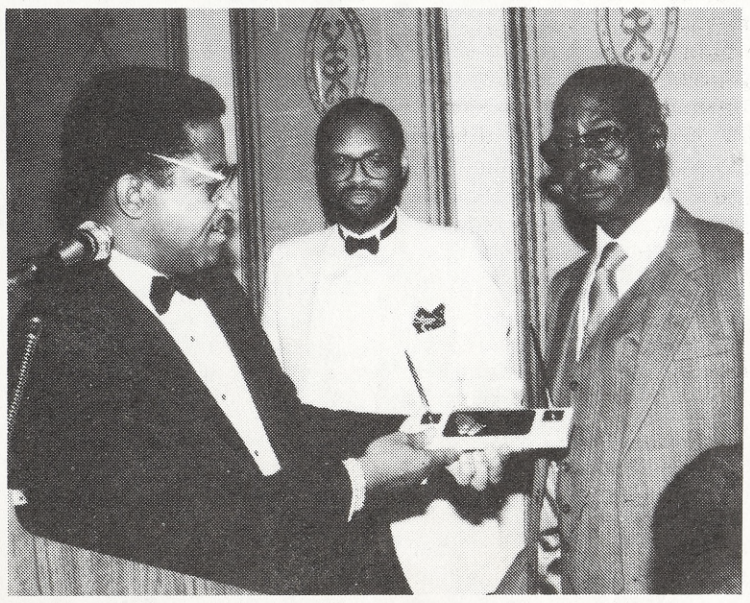
double honor. He would be the first to admit UNAC-5 has worked because of commitment and support of others. During the banquet, many presentations were given to many deserving saints. The Whole Truth was pleased to record the special recognition given to the following saints: Ms. Deborah Johnson, Dr. Earl Wright, Ms. Alice Greer, Dr. Norman Quick and Dr. Oliver J. Haney. These saints have been pillars of support at every level of UNAC. Bishop Jacob Cohen, the host bishop, received a key to the city of Miami. Bishop G. R. Ross was also given special recognition by Bishop Winbush.

Bishop F. E. Perry, a main aid and coordinator, made the presentations to department heads. Bishop Perry reflected, "This has been a crowning year. No one knows the amount of opposition encountered by those working in the UNAC program. Team work and fellowship have kept us going. Bishop Winbush is a man who characterizes leadership, and his efforts in behalf of the entire UNAC family have meant a great deal. The five auxiliary leaders and their departments have contributed greatly in the process." Bishop Perry presented awards to Bishop C. W. Williams and Missionary Gloria Smith of the Sunday School Department. Bishop William James, past president of the Youth Department, was presented an award which was received by a representative. Bishop C. H. Brewer and Sister Clara Clemmons of the Youth Department received awards. Bishop C. L. Moody of Missions was away at a World Pentecostal Conference, but his representative received his award for him. Dr. E. L. Battle and Mother Reatha Herndon of the Evangelist Department were likewise honored. Finally, the "queen of gospel music," Dr. Mattie Moss Clark, received an award for her contribution during the past ten years. No sooner than the applause had ended, Bishop Perry was presented an award by Elder Otis Massey for his service during the ten years.

Bishop Winbush was presented a medallion and a briefcase to mark the 10 years of service. Maybe the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson shaped in the hearts and minds of those in attendance why a functioning, growing UNAC is necessary. He reflected, "We (Church of God in Christ people) are an endangered species. Even from within, things of significance are being challenged. There is a lack of discipline, lack of respect for the House of God. Prayer life is diminishing and tarrying services seem to be less prevalent. UNAC is supportive of the church and her heritage. UNAC helps us preserve and continue those things which are right."

For ten years, UNAC has helped maintain the tenets of holiness. UNAC is a time of celebration, but more it is an exercise in the practice of witness, learning and sharing the experience of holiness-pentecostalism during these times.

July 5, 1985, marked a truly "royal salute" to Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush and all the fine people making up the network of UNAC-5.



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OBITUARY

Elder Rufus Cooper

Elder Rufus Cooper was born in Crockett, Texas, July 12, 1909, to his parents, John and Mary Lee Cooper of Crockett, Texas. He was educated in Crockett. At an early age he united with the Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of Pastor J. H. Underwood. He married Eva Childress in 1931 in Crockett, Texas. To this marriage of 32 years, 10 children were born, 4 boys and 6 girls. 1 boy and 1 girl preceeded him in death. After moving to Arizona in 1949, he organized and pastored the Church of God in Christ of Citrus Park Camp, Arizona. In 1963, he united with the Church of God in Christ No. 1, under the leadership of Bishop J. W. Taylor. He was a faithful, dedicated worker. He served on the finance committee of the state until his passing.

In 1970, he married Rosa Mae Barton. To this marriage he fathered 4 step-daughters and 1 step-son, all of Phoenix, Arizona.

Elder Cooper departed this life on June 15, 1985, at his home. He leaves to mourn, his wife; step-children; 3 sons, Ester Cooper of Dallas, Texas, Rufus and Wazell Cooper of Phoenix; 5 daughters, Rosie Lee Davis, Retha Taylor, Eva Kemp of Phoenix, Arizona, Nathel Sampson of Farmington, New Mexico, Elvolia Johnson of Los Angeles, California; adopted daughter, Ebony Cooper of Phoenix; 3 brothers, Superintendent Noble Cooper of Crockett, Texas, Douglas Cooper of Crockett, Texas and Perry Cooper of Alaska; 6 sisters, Nora Robinson, Inez Braker, Mary Lee Cooper of Avondale, Arizona, Eddie Mae Robinson and Rosie Lee Mitchel of Crockett, Texas, Zembla Brooks of Baytown, Texas; 35 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

—ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS—

The family of the late Elder Rufus Cooper acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many prayers, floral tributes, and acts of kindness in thought and deed evidenced during this period of bereavement. A more personal acknowledgement will be made at a later date.

ELDER T. L HAYTER

Elder Troy Lee Hayter, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hayter was born March 23, 1914 in Nacogodoches County. He entered into rest on Monday, January 21, 1985.

Elder Hayter attended Wellsville school in Cherokee County. He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1930, under the ministry of Elder J. L. Lyons. He pastored both the Overton Church of God in Christ, in Overton, Texas and the Firery Furnace Church of God in Christ, in Chandler, Texas. In 1971, Pastor Hayter constructed the Hayter Chapel Church of God in Christ, in the city of Longview, Texas. This beautiful edifice was a crowning achievement during the pastorage of Elder Hayter.

In 1938, he joined in holy wedlock with America Jordan and this union produced six sons and one daughter. One son preceeded Elder Hayter in death. Later he met and married Sister Novie R. Wilson on December 30, 1967 and to this union no children were born.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, Novie Hayter; five sons, James T. Hayter of Chandler, Texas, Cedell Hayter, Chester Hayter and Atrell Hayter of Tyler, Texas and Harold Hayter of Stockton, California; one daughter, Nellie Marie Stallworth of Stockton, California; twenty-seven grandchildren; two brothers, Woodrow and Arnold of Tyler-,Texas; three sisters, Norma Harrington, Bobbie Armstead of Detroit, Michigan and Nettie Spencer of Winona, Texas. Also, a number of other relatives and friends.

PROFILE: ELDER A. Z. HALL

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rienced difficult tenures with former pastors. The building was in need of great repair and the saints were discouraged. Bishop C. D. Kinsey appointed this dynamic senior saint and the Church has grown. In four years the building has been renovated, property paid off, more land purchased and the membership built from a few to about 70 saints.

About his mother, Elder A. Z. Hall commented, "my mother is not the Church Mother, she is however "The Mother" at the Church." He informed this reporter that she has a ministry of caring that is evidence of what he says. In Gretna she has fed and clothed the poor. In Jacksonville she works through a sewing circle auxiliary to provide meals to shut-in cancer victims. The county cancer association has cited her for her efforts to support the suffering. Mother Hall also serves the jurisdiction as State President of the Sewing Circle.

Elder A. Z. Hall said, "Mom and Dad have given the entire family basic principles by which we live." All six children have a college education and a deep sense of faith. They all share a strong belief in the work ethic and believe in having and supporting a strong family unit. They all know what respect for others and themselves is about, as the parents have shown them a stellar example. Lastly, Elder Hall talked about how the parents demonstrated before the children ways to cope and handle difficult situations. For the record he said, "mom taught us the essentials of thrift, as she is indeed frugal."

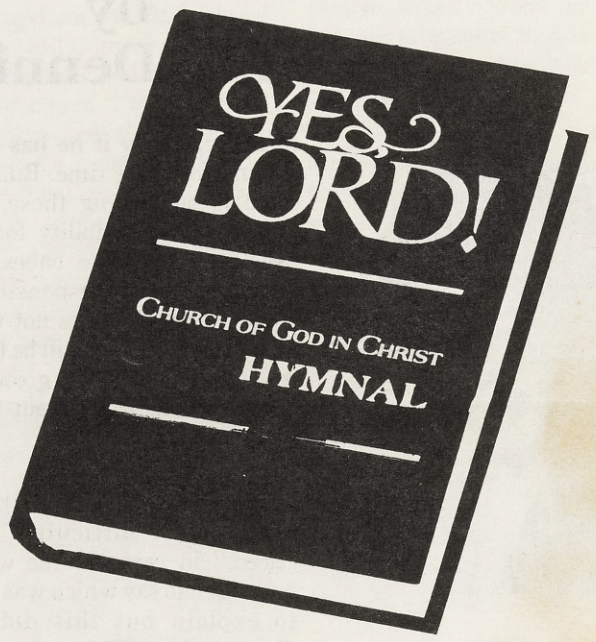
Elder A. Z. Hall could not end the interview until he told me about two men who greatly contributed to his life. Elder W. F. Faust was a spiritual guide and sage for him. Of course he cited Bishop J. O. Patterson was a great influence on his life. "My administrative and organizational skills have been enhanced and matured under Bishop's guidance. He has allowed me the opportunuity of seeing a childhood dream come to reality. I work for the Church of God in Christ. Likewise, I am helping to develop the fine dream of ASU and this ministry and position is due to the grace and support of Bishop J. O. Patterson.

Well, this was the profile of Elder A. Z. Hall. If any of you know him, this is the only way the interview could have turned out. So let me say it," Elder A. Z. Hall is a great guy!"

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